

FORM B - BUILDING

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Area(s)

Form Number
1024,1025

Massachusetts Historical Commission



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 6 Audubon Road

Historic Name

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c.1910 (after 1906)

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Craftsman

Architect/Builder Willard Brown?

Exterior Material:

Foundation stone

Wall/Trim novelty siding

Roof slate

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

novelty-sided garage (MHC #1025)

Major Alterations (with dates) ---

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 16,500 SF

Setting early 20th century residential area between
Mass. Ave. and Lincoln Street

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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) April 2000

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM (6 Audubon Road)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Dating to the early 20th century, the house at 6 Audubon Road (MHC #1024) is a 2 1/2-story, side-gabled dwelling sheathed in novelty (drop) siding and resting on a stone foundation. The eaves of the slate roof extend slightly and end in returns. The northern half of the facade is fronted by a 2 1/2-story gable which projects slightly.

Centered on the gabled projection, the front entry is marked by a semi-elliptical porch supported by plain posts. The area between the posts and the square newel posts is filled with latticework. Fronted by brick steps, the entrance contains a wide three-panel door flanked by 2 x 4-light half-sidelights which are set into the wall.

Above the entrance there are two 6/6 windows with molded surrounds, flanked by blinds. In the attic is a horizontal pair of 6/6 windows set into a common molding. The remainder of the front wall, adjacent to the front gable is punctuated by a set of three 6/6 windows on the first floor and two individual 6/6 windows on the second floor.

The south side of the house is spanned by a single-story sunporch, resting on a stone foundation and lit by multi-paned windows. The north side of the house is also two bays wide. The side door is sheltered by a shed door hood on jigsawed members. The door contains an upper glass over three horizontal panels. A deck is located at the rear of the house.

To the south of the house is a two-car garage (MHC #1025) which is also sheathed in novelty siding. The building is capped by an asphalt-shingled jerkinhead roof. Facing the street are two sets of double doors; each panel consists of 4 x2-lights over four horizontal panels. The remaining elevations are lit by 6/6 windows. Directly in front of the house there is a paved parking space. A brick walk leads to the front door.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

(see 277 Waltham St., MHC #461)

This property stands on part of the land subdivided by Augustus Scott in 1903.[^] There was no building on this site at the time of the 1906 Atlas.

The earliest listing found for the property indicates that Henry C. Davis, Jr., an accountant was living here in 1916. Valuation records for 1916 list Dell Davis as the owner of a house at 6 Audubon valued at \$5000. Henry Davis and his wife continued to live here until at least 1936. The property was owned by MIT professor George Russell and his wife, Jean, from about 1940 until 1961. Alfred and Ruth Viano owned the house from 1961 until 1975. Later owners included Anita and David Swann (1975-1989) and John and Susan Streitz (1989-1992). The present owners acquired the property in 1992.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.
Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.
1906 Atlas.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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